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Monday, September 28, 2015

Personnel Board Quarterly minutes

**Present:**

Woody Merkle  
Vivian Lawyer  
Loretta Howard  
Faith Adelman  
Wanda Hutchinson  
Chris Fay (recording secretary)

**Absent:**

Jeanne Zarnoch  
Jae Chon

From the meeting of June 29, 2015:

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m.
- II. The agenda was approved unanimously.
- III. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved "as is".
- IV. Howard County budget (including all entities) was approved as \$1,476,995,280.00 with Government portion being \$152,000,000.00. As of now, union increases for 2016 are unknown because union contracts still are being negotiated.
- V. New County management/changes: Gary Kuc, County Solicitor, replaced Margaret Ann Nolan; Valdis Lazdins, Director of Department of Planning & Zoning replaced Marsha McLaughlin; Phyllis Madachy, Director of Citizen Services, replaced Lois Mikkila; Starr Sowers promoted to Administrator, Office on Aging.
- VI. Retirements in FY15 were at an all-time high with 98 employees retiring (19 from Police/Fire and 79 from general county population).
- VII. Meeting closed at 6:35 p.m.